

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> May 5, 2025	
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Department Heads
<b>Re: Departmental Updates</b>	

## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

### **General:**

- Participated in a meeting with the District's consultant for the Development Approvals Process project.
- Responded to seven bylaw enforcement calls.
- Liaised with RCMP regarding one bylaw enforcement call and one community safety concern.
- In the process of reviewing two development permit applications expected to be coming to Council this summer.
- Participated in a Block Party Working Group Meeting & Co-ordinated Bandshell Fridays 2025
- Represented the District of Barriere at its booth on Wildfire Preparedness Day – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

### **Roads:**

- Commercial sweeper is scheduled to arrive Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Gravel roads are slated to have dust suppression applied later this week.
- Road marking hand-lines (stop bars, crosswalks, etc) are scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- District has rented a F550 dump truck and dump trailer until the end of August.

### **Parks:**

- Staff are reducing the fire hazard between KP Ball Field #1 and the Yellowhead Pioneer Residence by removing tree limbs and brush.
- A wave of vandalism has occurred around the bandshell and washroom, which included graffiti, broken glass, etc.
- Tree planting program in Community Park to commence this week. Completely funded by BC Hydro and Community Forest grants.
- Summer student from last year has been on-boarded.

### **Utilities:**

- The water leak identified on Summer Road has been repaired by the homeowner.
- District repaired a water leak on Dixon Creek Road at the service connection point.
- Watermain flushing was completed April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Water consumption is hovering around 1100 m<sup>3</sup>/day.

### **Facilities:**

- Business Centre Unit #4 renovations – all interior walls have been painted. Next step is T-Bar ceiling and exterior window installation.

## **FIRE CHIEF:**

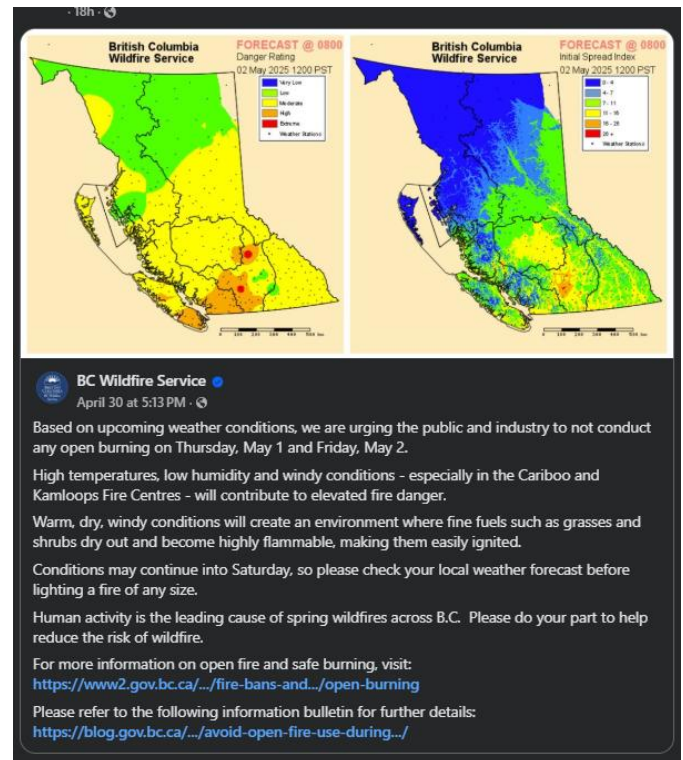
### **Fire Department:**

- Category 2 and 3 Fire Bans put in place within the District as of noon on May 3, 2025.
- Practices: NFPA 1001, Forestry and Truck Inspections

- Calls:
  - Fire Burning Complaint: 2 Call outs as location was unclear, this ended up being a landscape fire and was successfully extinguished
  - Public Service
  - Motor Vehicle Incident
  - Structure Fire
  - Interface Fire
- Burning behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant: Fuel was burned behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Forestry Certification: 2 Day Course completed for half of the members – a secondary 2-day course will take place in May.
- 5- Day Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit attended by FS Coordinator and Chief.
- Fire Chief in Pitt Meadows for Fire Officer Training

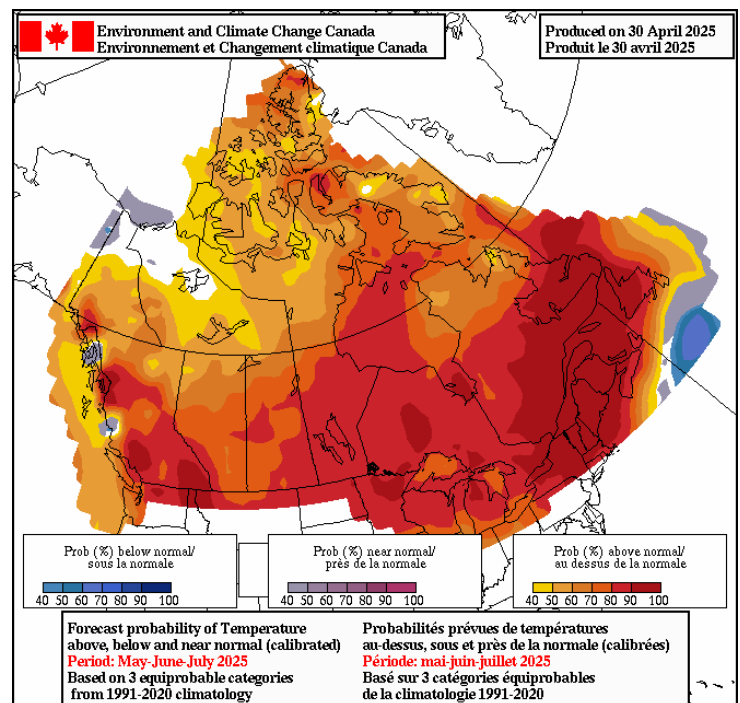
### FireSmart:

- Coordinated event with the BFFA and Barriere Fire Rescue: Charity Walk and Wildfire Preparedness Day (May 3rd)
  - Thank-you to everyone that attended!
- May 24th – Yard Waste Days
- June 14th, FireSmart Lunch-In at the Seniors Centre
- Last Coloplast sign has been installed at Fadar Park and Bandshell
- BC FireSmart Classroom Contest shared with both schools in Barriere, including after school program and preschool



### Weather:

- Drought Conditions
- Barriere is at high risk for fire activity right now while we are in Spring Dip
  - ( Spring Dip describes the decrease in foliar moisture, or the amount of moisture in the needles of coniferous trees. It occurs in the period shortly after the snow has melted, but before vegetation begins to green up. Trees, and especially conifers, also have a low moisture content, which makes them especially vulnerable in early spring.)
- Fire Chief to attend the Operational Spring Preparedness session with BCWS on May 20th
- May and June are typically the rainiest months in the B.C. Interior. The amount and duration of rain events during this period will influence the length and intensity of the core wildfire season.



The danger class values presented on this site are directly applicable only to the geographic area of the source weather station. Those persons carrying out industrial activities who want to apply the danger class information from this website must determine that the weather station is representative of their operational area.

STATION	5 = Extreme Danger 4 = High Danger 3 = Moderate Danger 2 = Low Danger 1 = Very Low Danger					2025 05/01	2025 05/02	2025 05/03	2025 05/04
	ND No Data	Green Station Start-up	White Actual data	Yellow Estimate data	Blue Forecast data				
	2025 04/26	2025 04/27	2025 04/28	2025 04/29	2025 04/30				
AFTON	3	3	2	3	3	4	5	4	ND
ASPEN GROVE	3	3	3	3	2	3	ND	ND	ND
AUGUST LAKE	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	ND
BRENDA MINES	2	2	2	2	2	2	ND	ND	ND
CLEARWATER HUB	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	ND
COLDSCAUR LAKE	2	2	1	1	2	2	ND	ND	ND
CURWEN CREEK	2	2	2	1	1	2	ND	ND	ND
EAST BARRIERE	4	5	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
FINTRY	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	ND
FIVE MILE	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	ND
FRENCH BAR	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	ND
GLIMPSE	2	2	1	2	2	2	ND	ND	ND
GRIZZLY EXT	2	2	2	1	1	2	ND	ND	ND
GWYNETH LAKE	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	ND
IDABEL LAKE 3	2	2	2	1	1	2	ND	ND	ND
KETTLE 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	ND
LARCH HILLS WEST	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	ND
LEIGHTON LAKE	2	2	2	2	2	3	ND	ND	ND
LILLOOET	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	4	ND
LITTLE CHOPAKA	5	5	4	4	4	5	ND	ND	ND
MABEL LAKE 2	2	2	2	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
MCCUDDY	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	ND
MCLEAN LAKE	2	2	2	3	3	3	ND	ND	ND
MERRITT 2 HUB	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	ND
MUDPIT	3	3	2	2	2	3	ND	ND	ND
PASKA LAKE	2	2	2	2	2	2	ND	ND	ND
PENTICTON RS	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	ND
SEYMOUR ARM	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	ND
SICAMOUS	3	3	2	2	2	2	ND	ND	ND
SKOONKA	2	2	2	2	2	2	ND	ND	ND
SPARKS LAKE	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	ND
SPLINTLUM	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	ND
STATION BAY 2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	ND
THYNNE	2	2	2	2	2	2	ND	ND	ND
TURTLE	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	ND
WELLS GRAY	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	1	ND

## **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

### **Finance:**

- Financial Plan and Tax Rates Bylaw are included on this agenda which would finalize the 2025 budget process if Council approves the Bylaws.
- Completed Local Government Data Entry (LGDE) submissions for the 2022 and 2023 budget year. 2024 budget year submissions won't be able to be completed until the 2024 audit is finalized. 2024 submissions have also expanded on Asset Management data collection. We will be using TRUE Consulting to provide us with the necessary information.
- Finance department is starting on the 2024 audit.

### **Governance:**

- Agreements / Contracts:
  - Community Hall Lease Agreement – on this agenda for Council consideration
  - TNRD – Structure Fire Protection Service Agreement – work is starting along with Fire Chief and TNRD representatives
- Policies / Bylaws:
  - Finalizing Tax Rates and Financial Plan Bylaws – on this agenda
  - Work has started on Procurement Policy – currently under departmental review, anticipated for May 26, 2025, Council meeting.
  - Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) Policy will be worked on next.

**Administration:**

- Along with the PW Manager, met with the Trails Society to discuss the potential projects. The Corporate Officer also participated as minute taker. A report on the proposed items and next steps will most likely come to the May 26, 2025, Council meeting. A follow up meeting with the society is scheduled for May 28.
- Accounting Clerk position has been posted and closes May 5, 2025.
- Chief Financial Officer position has been posted and closes May 12, 2025.
- TNRD CAO's had a bi-annual check-in last week, which included discussion on budget presentations, and potential options for the TNRD to attend Council meetings to explain the TNRD services in more detail to all members of Council.

*\*submitted for information*